

## FORESTRY SUPERVISOR I

### Class Definition

Under direction, supervises Fresno Municipal Tree Maintenance crews.

### Distinguishing Characteristics

Forestry Supervisor I is the first-line supervisory class in the Forestry Supervisor series. The incumbent of this single-position class deals directly with the public and provides field supervision to crews engaged in planting, trimming, removal, pest control and other tree maintenance operations. Forestry Supervisor I is distinguished from Forestry Supervisor II in that the incumbent of the latter supervises the Fresno Municipal Tree Planting and Maintenance Program. Forestry Supervisor I is distinguished from Tree Trimmer Leadworker in that the latter is the advanced tree trimmer class in which incumbents provide lead direction to a tree trimming crew.

### Typical Tasks

(This list is neither inclusive or exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Assigns and supervises the activities of crews engaged in tree maintenance operations.

Discusses tree problems and the course of action to be taken with property owners and residents requesting service.

Assigns and dispatches emergency tree service crews.

Evaluates work in progress, use of equipment, safety practices, and compliance with instructions.

Reviews work to be performed, submits requests for supplies and equipment, and reports on work accomplished.

Performs related duties as required.

### Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Considerable knowledge of techniques and equipment employed to effectively maintain trees.

Considerable knowledge in determining the maintenance needs of trees inspected.

Considerable knowledge of rigging methods and the use and maintenance of tools and equipment of the trade. Knowledge of the principals and practices of modern supervision and municipal administration.

Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions concerning tree service activities including CAL-OSHA requirements.

Knowledge of the different types of utility lines located overhead and underground, and how to work around them safely.

Some knowledge of the growth patterns, branching structure, and maintenance needs of trees common to California.

Some knowledge of arboriculture, nursery practices, tree cultivation, soils, fertilizers, and pesticides.

Ability to deal effectively and tactfully with the public.

Ability to communicate ideas to others.

Ability to identify common tree species growing in California.

Ability to prepare and maintain accurate and detailed reports and records.

Ability to plan, coordinate and supervise subordinates, including contractors, in the maintenance and planting of trees and other plants.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the performance of assigned duties.

Ability to effectively utilize computers and computerized systems.

*Minimum Qualifications*

Three years of experience in tree maintenance, including tree trimming at considerable heights requiring the use of ropes and rigging which included, or is supplemented by, one year of lead or supervisory experience.

*Necessary Special Requirement*

Possession of a valid California Driver's License may be required at time of appointment. Certification as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture may be required.

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